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Title: METHODS FOR PROTECTING SILICA-
CONTAINING ARTICLE AND
INHIBITING BREAKS DURING
DRAWING OF OPTICAL FIBER, AND
SILICA-CONTAINING ARTICLE
PROTECTED AGAINST BREAK-
INDUCING PARTICULATES

RESPONSE

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RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the Office Action dated October 12, 2007, designated as Paper No. 20070925 in the above-captioned application, the Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement identifying the following groups of claims as being drawn to potentially distinct inventions:

- Group I. Claims 34-49, drawn to intermediate product used in the manufacture of optical fiber, classified in class 264, subclass 109; and
- Group II. Claim 50, drawn to a method of protecting silica containing article, classified in class 427, subclass 258.

Applicants select Group I, claims 34-49 for prosecution on the merits.

Applicants believe that no extension of time is necessary to make this Response timely. Should Applicants be in error, Applicants respectfully request the Office grant such time extension pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) as necessary to make this Response timely, and hereby authorizes the Office to charge any necessary fee or surcharge with

respect to said time extension to the deposit account of the undersigned firm of attorneys,
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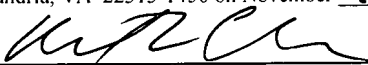
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